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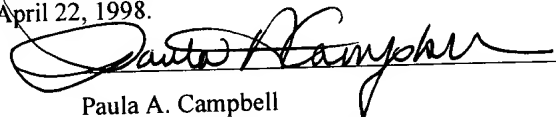
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action, mailed from the Patent Office on December 22, 1997. A one month extension of time for responding to the office action is respectfully requested. A petition for the extension of time and the appropriate fee are being submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

EXR NOTE: This amdt is fifty-one pages of amendments to the spec. alone, in addition to changes to the claims. None of the changes have been made to the specification because of the length of the amendment. Please request a sub specification. Thank you.